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Michael D. Hillman et al.

Application No.: 10/764,901

Confirmation No.: 2723

Filed: January 26, 2004

Art Unit: 3634

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Examiner: Blair M. Johnson

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b), applicants respectfully request entry of the attached copies of applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement, Petition for Extension of Time and accompanying filing papers, copies of which are attached hereto, which were previously transmitted to the Patent Office on Friday, April 22, 2005, as indicated on the certificates of mailing signed by the undersigned on that date. Applicants became aware that the Patent Office did not have a record of receiving this documents in a telephone call from Examiner Johnson. Applicants thank Examiner Johnson for bringing this issue to the applicants' attention. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(3), the undersigned and signer of the certificates of mailing attests to the documents being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on April 22, 2005. As further evidence of the transmission of these documents, applicants further attach hereto copies of the front and back sides and check stub for check number 90541 that was transmitted with the Response. The check and check stub indicate that the check was issued in connection with the present application for the amount of a one-month extension of time, and that the check was endorsed by the U.S. Patent Office on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 and subsequently cashed. Applicants respectfully submit that this attestation

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and recitation of facts provides satisfactory proof of the previous timely mailing of these documents, and respectfully request entry of these documents in this case. Should the Patent Office or the Examiner have any questions, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

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|  | First Named Inventor   | Michael D. Hillman     |
|  | Art Unit               | 3634                   |
|  | Examiner Name          | Blair M. Johnson       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27  |  |  |  |
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| <b>FEE CALCULATION</b><br><b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>  |             |                       |   |                       |                                  |                       |                              |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Application Type  | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES   |                       | EXAMINATION FEES                 |                       | Fees Paid (\$)               |
|   | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)  | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)                         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                              |
| Utility   | 300         | 150                   | 500   | 250                   | 200                              | 100                   |                              |
| Design  | 200         | 100                   | 100   | 50                    | 130                              | 65                    |                              |
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| Reissue   | 300         | 150                   | 500   | 250                   | 600                              | 300                   |                              |
| Provisional   | 200         | 100                   | 0   | 0                     | 0                                | 0                     |                              |
| <b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>   |             |                       |   |                       |                                  |                       |                              |
| <b>Fee Description</b>  |             |                       |   |                       |                                  |                       | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b> |
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)   |             |                       |   |                       |                                  |                       | 50                           |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)  |             |                       |   |                       |                                  |                       | 200                          |
| Multiple dependent claims   |             |                       |   |                       |                                  |                       | 360                          |
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